Construction Expense Tracker

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For contractors and tradesmen who file a Schedule C (sole prop or single-member LLC). Fill in the blue column with your yearly total for each category. Every row already shows the Schedule C line it lands on, so your accountant knows where

New truck, trailer, or tool set? For 2026 you can deduct the full cost of qualifying tools and equipment the year you buy them, up to $2,560,000, using Section 179. Property placed in service after Jan 19, 2025 can also use 100% bonus depreciation. Put the amount on the Tools & equipment line below. A big purchase that creates a loss is a good question for your accountant. IRS Pub 946.

Deduction category	Your annual $	Deductible amount	Schedule C line
Job materials (lumber, concrete, fixtures, hardware)	$60,000	$60,000.00	22
Subcontractor labor (file a 1099-NEC at $600+)	$35,000	$35,000.00	11
Tools & equipment (Section 179 / depreciation)		$0.00	13
Small tools & consumables (blades, bits, fasteners)		$0.00	22
Equipment & tool rental		$0.00	20a
Truck/van fuel & repairs (actual method)	$9,000	$9,000.00	9
Liability & workers' comp insurance	$7,000	$7,000.00	15
Permits, licenses & inspection fees		$0.00	23
Dump fees & debris disposal		$0.00	22
Phone & internet (business portion)		$0.00	25
Legal & professional (CPA, attorney)		$0.00	17
Advertising (yard signs, truck wraps, ads)		$0.00	8
Interest on equipment/vehicle loans		$0.00	16
Business miles on a personal vehicle (from Mileage Log)	*$33*	$32.63	9
Home office (from Home Office Log)	*$750*	$750.00	30
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		**$111,782.63**	
Your gross income (what clients paid you this year):		**$220,000**	
Estimated net profit (Schedule C, line 31) = income - deducti		**$108,217.38**	

Note: a personal pickup or van under 6,000 lbs can use the cents-per-mile rate on the Mileage Log tab. A heavy truck or piece of equipment over 6,000 lbs uses actual costs (fuel, repairs, depreciation) on the lines above instead, per IRS Pub 463.

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Home Office Deduction Log

Goes on Schedule C, line 30. Yes, contractors qualify if you do your bidding and paperwork from home. Pick

Which method are you claiming?	**Simplified**
-> Carries to your tracker / Schedule C line 30:	**$750.00**

Method 1: Simplified (no receipts needed)

IRS Pub 587. $5 per square foot, up to 300 sq ft. Maximum $1,500.

Square feet of your home office (cap 300):	**150**
Simplified deduction (sq ft x $5, capped $1,500):	**$750.00**

Method 2: Actual expenses (often a bigger deduction)

Enter home + office square footage. The sheet finds your business-use % and applies it to every line. No cap.

Home sq ft (total):	**2,000**
Office sq ft (exclusive business use):	**150**
Business use % (auto = office / home):	**7.50%**

Expense category	Annual cost	Office use %	Deduction
Mortgage interest (or rent)	$21,000	7.50%	$1,575.00
Property taxes	$7,000	7.50%	$525.00
Home insurance	$1,600	7.50%	$120.00
Utilities (electric, gas, water)	$2,400	7.50%	$180.00
Home internet	$1,200	7.50%	$90.00
Repairs & maintenance	$4,000	7.50%	$300.00
Depreciation (consult CPA)	$21,528	7.50%	$1,614.60
	Total actual-method deduction:		**$4,404.60**

Full automated calculator at shoeboxed.com/home-office-calculator. It pulls your home's square footage fron

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Personal-Vehicle Mileage Log

For a personal car, pickup, or van under 6,000 lbs used on business errands (job sites, supply runs, the bank). Schedule C

			Year-to-date miles:	45	
			-> Carries to Schedule C line 9 (72.5¢ before July 1, 76¢ from July 1):		$32.63
Date	Destination (name + address)	Business Purpose		Miles	Deduction
2026-04-08	Home Depot, materials pickup	Pick up lumber and fasteners for the M		14	$10.15
2026-04-15	Maple St job site	Walk the site and meet the homeown		22	$15.95
2026-04-22	Bank, business deposit	Deposit a client check		9	$6.53

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